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CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES: HISTORIES AND CENTENNIALS

P/ Since the publication in 1955 of Oklahoma's history of the dental profession in that state, and the celebration of the centenary of the Michigan State Dental Association in 1956, a procession of histories and anniversaries began that will march with ever closer ranks in the next decade. Notices of some of these histories and celebrations have appeared in earlier numbers of the Bulletin. On the occasion of Indiana's centennial, that society published a historical booklet, entitled 100 Years of Progress, 1858-1958. Dr. Thomas D. Dow and Madison Jones have compiled a record of the ninety-one years of the Tennessee society (History of the Tennessee State Dental Association, Nashville, 1958). The Committee on History of the West Virginia State Dental Society has authorized (1957) Dr. E. C. Armbrecht, who , as chairman, has collected the material for a history of the society, to submit it to Dr. J. Ben Robinson, who will write the history. The History Committee of the Missouri State Dental Association is planning a new history of that society for its centennial in 1965. The society is adopting the plan of making a connected narrative rather than a disjointed record and to have it written by a professional historian. A sum of $1,500 a year for four years has been appropriated for the writing of the text.

The Georgia Dental Association plans to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of its founding in 1959. Kentucky plans its centennial for 1960.

PAN AMERICAN DENTAL CONGRESS

P/ Asociacion Dental Mexicana has extended an invitation to the A.A.H.D. to be represented at the Pan American Dental Congress, at University Center, Mexico City, Nov. 18-22, 1958.

EARLY EGYPTIAN DENTISTRY

P/ Two recent general articles on the early history of dentistry in Egypt have appeared. They are:

> Amer, Ayoub, "Practice and Education of Oral Surgery in the Nile Valley: Ancient and Modern," Egyptian Dental Journal 3:19-35, October 1957; 4:42-58, January 1958.
>
> Kharadly, M. E. A., "La chirurgia nell'antico Egitto," Minerva Stomatologica 7:302-307, June 1958.

These articles contain very little with regard to the ancient period which was not known about 30 years ago.

HISTORY OF BIRMINGHAM DENTAL HOSPITAL

E/ The Birmingham Dental Hospital commemorated its 100th anniversary June 7, 1958. R. A. Cohen has written "The History of the Birmingham Dental Hospital and Dental School 1858-1958," published by the Board of Governors of the United Birmingham Hospitals, 1958, which gives a detailed history of the institution. He has also contributed to the Birmingham Medical Review (20:331-337 Winter 1957-1958) a shorter article on "The Birmingham Dental Hospital with Some Account of the Founding of the Dental School."

Also among the addresses given at the centenary celebration was an historical account by A. Frank Stammers, published in the British Dental Journal 105:76-77 August 5, 1958.

A NEW VOLUME BY J. MENZIES CAMPBELL

E/ J. Menzies Campbell, who recently received the distinction of Honorary Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons, has just published a collection of his contributions to the history of dentistry under the title From a Trade to a Profession (privately printed, 1958).

Dr. Campbell has recently retold in The Dental Magazine and Oral Topics (75:73-80 June 1958) the famous case in which "Professor J. W. Webster Eliminates Dr. George Parkman."

CARL WILHELM SCHEELE

E/ The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy and its Director Emeritus have made a valuable contribution to the history of pharmacy by reprinting Dr. George Urdang's "The Apothecary Chemist, Carl Wilhelm Scheele," which is abundantly illustrated.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF DENTAL HISTORY

E/ The International Group for the Study of Dental History, which was informally organized in Rome last September, will hold its first meeting on August 30 in Brussels, Palace III. A program of reports and papers will be presented.

J. A. Donaldson, of London, will discuss "Old Dental Journals." Dr. F. H. Witt, of Cologne, will present his researches on "The Tooth Worm." And F.E.R. deMaar, of The Hague, will report "Concerning My Visit to Friends of Dental History and Concerning Previous Collections of Dental Historical Objects."

A NEW JOURNAL FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

E/ The Polish Medical Alliance (Chicago, Illinois) has established a journal entitled Polish Medical History and Science Bulletin, of which the first number was the January-April 1957 issue. The articles are in English. Besides original articles of historical nature, contributions to current medicine in Polish journals are abstracted.